

MINUTES

UTAH MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY LICENSING BOARD MEETING

June 3, 2004

Room 428 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building

CONVENED: 9:15 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:00 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Debra Hendren
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

James M. Harper, PhD, Chairperson
Richard Nielsen
Jean N. Soderquist, PhD
Karen Feinauer

Board Members Absent:

Jerry S. Harris, EdD

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director
Laura Poe, Division Assistant Director
Dee Thorell, Investigator
Noel Taxin, Investigator

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swear in Karen Feinauer as a Board Member

Ms. Hendren conducted the swearing in of Karen Feinauer. **Board members welcomed Ms. Feinauer.**

Read and approve the March 4, 2004 minutes

Mr. Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ms. Feinauer seconded the motion. **The board vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

9:30 A.M.

Thomas D. Coleman, Probationary Interview

Mr. Coleman met for the probationary interview. Ms.

Feinauer was introduced to Mr. Coleman

Mr. Coleman stated that his work and home are going very well. Mr. Coleman meets with one therapist weekly, one every other week and one every three months. Mr. Coleman stated he is working on family relationships so he and family members feel safe. Good progress is being made. Work is still at Magellen and Hazen Nursing Home.

Dr. Harper read the supervision and therapy reports to the board. The board noted the prescribed antidepressant Mr. Coleman is using. An appointment was made for Mr. Coleman to meet again September 3, 2004.

10:00 A.M.

Richard K. Hanks, Probationary Interview

Mr. Hanks met for the probationary interview.

Mr. Hanks thanked the board for the list of suggestions that a good supervisor should consider. Mr. Hanks stated the list was given to his supervisor.

Mr. Hanks submitted a list of several possible courses and a conference for the board to review to approve the required continuing education.

The board reviewed the supervisor report and noted that Mr. Hanks supervisor recommended termination of probation and Mr. Hanks license be activated in good standing. At this time, the board denied the recommendation of terminating the probation. The board reviewed the Las Vegas, Nevada conference information and approved the 6 hour pre-conference workshop "I hate it when that happens". The board then reviewed the home study courses and approved the 12 hour "Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues in the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy", instructor Charles Huber. This will give Mr. Hanks 18 of the 20 required hours.

Mr. Hanks discussed the issue of bartering and read the AAMFT code of ethics regarding acceptable bartering. Mr. Hanks asked the board if they do any bartering and if not, why not.

Board members responded that they do not get involved in bartering. Ms. Soderquist stated that bartering services is a legal method of payment of value and is taxable. Board members stated they do not recommend bartering in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding or possibility of someone thinking they were exploiting clients.

The board recommended Mr. Hanks meet quarterly with the therapist. The appointments need to be planned so that the quarterly reports reach the division in a timely manner for the board to review. An appointment was made for Mr. Hanks to meet again September 3, 2004.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Rule Change for National Examination Name

Ms. Hendren reviewed the proposed rule change to correct the name of the national organization. **The board recommended Ms. Hendren make the change.**

Suggested Rule Changes

Dr. Harper stated that he has received several phone calls requesting the rules be changed to allow students who have finished the requirements of their education to present a letter of completion to the division and be allowed to apply for the Certified Marriage & Family Therapist Intern license prior to the final transcripts with the degree posted.

Ms. Hendren reviewed the law and rule. In the rules, R156-60b-302a(1)(a) and (b), it states the applicant shall produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of a master's or doctorate degree in marriage and family therapy.

Dr. Harper stated the association is reviewing the law and rules to make recommendations on the supervisor requirements.

This item was tabled until something has been received from the association.

Changes in bd meetings

Board members requested the board meetings be changed back to Fridays as Fridays appear to be more convenient.

Ms. Hendren and the board secretary reviewed the schedule for the remainder of 2004 and the proposed 2005 schedule. Based on no apparent conflicts, Ms. Hendren accepted the request. The 2004 board meeting schedule will be Friday, September 3, 2004, and Friday, December 3, 2004.

Bartering for Therapy

Ms. Thorell, investigator, asked the board for clarification regarding tangible items to exchange for therapy.

The board recommended the therapist pay the client for the tangible item and the client pay the therapist for the therapy as this is a blurry boundary area.

Ms. Hendren stated medical care institutions put a \$50.00 limit on tangible goods for trade of services.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

September 3, 2004

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

11:00 A.M.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Marriage & Family Therapy
Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing